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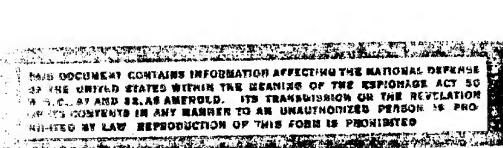
SUBJECT

Work Stoppages at SMW Units Caused by
Equipment Shortages

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On 7 April 1963, work at six drill rigs of SMW Bohrtreib II was discontinued because of a lack of 7 3/4 inch drilling bits. One freight car containing 350 drilling bits was despatched from the Soviet Union on 31 March 1963 but the shipment was not expected to arrive in Vienna for about three weeks. The SMW has tried in vain to purchase drilling bits of the same dimension from Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania.

The Seismographic Section of the SMW resumed work the end of March 1963 after a short stoppage due to a lack of a special type of tubes desired as thin iron pipes used for holding powder charges.¹ Apparently most tubes were delivered by Rohrwalzwerk after the debt of 950,000 schillings was paid for previous deliveries.²

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Comment: Rohrwalzwerk is the Amstetten branch of USIA-controlled Berndorfer Metallwarenfabrik A.G.

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